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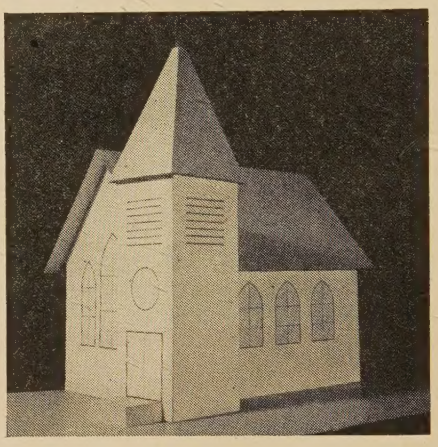

Sunday, January 31st

On that day, a special offering will be taken for the Church Extension Reserve Fund. (Read about this important Northern Baptist undertaking on pages ——, —— and ——.)

Gifts of money and checks will be welcomed, but particular emphasis will be placed on the dedication of war stamps and war bonds on that day. By turning over some of the stamps and bonds they have been buying to help their country, Baptists will have the satisfaction of knowing that their money will be used to strengthen Christian influences in the nation after the war.

"Civilian Bonds" and Series "F" and "G" war bonds may be made out in the name of the Northern Baptist Convention or of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Arrangements have now been completed by which Series "E" war bonds, made out in the name of an individual, can be turned over to the Church Extension Reserve Fund. They should be accompanied by two form letters signed by the donor. Copies of these form letters are available to local churches and their members through state offices.

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A Good Beginning

A little girl who was just beginning to talk was being taught to say her evening prayers. Her father went slowly and carefully over the first line of the familiar child's prayer, which she rendered as follows:

"Now I lay me down to sleep. That's enough."

God a Good Collector

There is more truth than poetry in the following lines:

"If God gets his and I get mine,
Then everything will be just fine;
"But if I get mine and keep his, too,
Then what do you think the Lord will do?
I think he will collect—don't you?"

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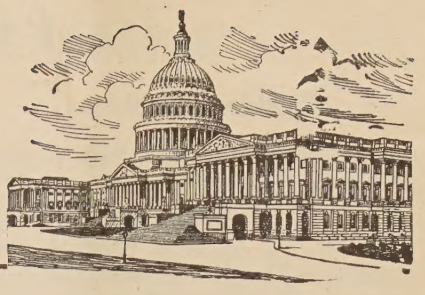

Let's Make It Permanent!

THE announcement that Canada has decided to "ban liquor and beer advertising for the duration of the war" raises the question as to why this ban should not be made permanent. The reason for taking this action, as announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King, was that the ban against liquor advertising and a group of other measures aimed at reducing the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Canada "for the duration," were held to be essential "means of achieving total war effort." If they are considered effective means of assisting in the present war against massed militarism and its heartless minions, why should they not be considered as effective means of aiding in the continuous war which is going on, not only in Canada but in the United States and in other nations of the world, to overcome the forces of evil and wrong-doing? It is important that the present war against the Axis powers be won and that every possible means be employed to bring about this desired end. If a checking of the drink habit will help to win this war, it is a good thing that there be a doing away with the temptations which are put before men and women through fascinating and glaring advertisements which picture drinking as a most pleasant and agreeable social affair. Similarly as to other means of freeing from this enslaving habit war workers and all others who are helping in the fight against the powerful and determined foes of democracy and decency and truth and justice. But if it is worth while to reduce to a minimum the drink habits of a nation "for the duration" in order to bring victory to its arms that much sooner, how much more is it worth while that there be a permanent reduction—a total cessation, if possible—of this habit in order that there may be world-wide victory that much sooner over the forces which are opposed to Christianity and all for which it stands. Let us hope that the step taken by Canada in this direction will be not only "for the duration"—but of permanent duration!

The Methodists Speak

METHODISM has always been a fighting faith. In keeping with Methodist aggressiveness and recognition of the duty of Methodism to speak on important issues the Council of Bishops issued a message at Cleveland a few days ago. The message was both Christian and patriotic. Here are some excerpts from the timely appeal. "The Methodist Church is historically and intrinsically a part of that glorious inner life of the Nation that is the 'true spirit of America.' We must not forego our responsibility for the preservation of this continuing spiritual heritage . . . we are under no illusion regarding the un-Christlike character of war as a method of settling disputes. Nor do we forget our own shortcomings and sins relative to the conditions that produced this struggle. . . . In the lurid light of this global conflict we see the outlines of man's selfishness, secularism and pride . . . but we also discern . . . the emerging vision of a world fashioned after the mind of Christ and worthy of Him who died upon a cross to redeem it and ever lives to furnish the power to make it a reality." The Bishops then set forth the cost of a finer world and made practical suggestions in this regard. What are Baptists to say? We have no Council of Bishops to speak. We do have official groups capable of speaking. Again we urge Northern, Southern and National Baptists to speak in the name of the Baptists of the United States. Are we Baptists less patriotic than the Methodists? Have we no conscience that pricks us to immediate action on this vital matter? In the name of the Christian faith and its preservation we urge the Presidents of the three bodies named above to do something about this immediately.

The Victory Tax

KENTUCKY Baptists with 2,100 churches and 400,000 members are up in arms about the Victory Tax. They see a violation of the principle of the separation of Church and State if churches are required to deduct the tax from the salaries of ministers and pay the deducted portion to the government. Editor John D. Freeman of the Western Recorder is leading the fight for Kentucky Baptists. The matter was commented on by Lowell Thomas in his nation-wide broadcast a few days ago. Kentucky and Maryland Baptists brought the matter before a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Executive Committee referred it to the Committee on Public Relations. Just how religious groups can defend their opposition to the payment of the tax by the Churches is not clear. As long as religious groups accept grants from the state in the form of exempted real estate taxes there can be no separation of Church and State. These grants run into millions of dollars annually. The government has not attempted to dictate to the Churches because of this, nor do we believe the government will do so in the case of the Victory Tax. There is also the question of patriotism involved. The government has asked payment of the tax as a part of the defense program. Ministers are employed by Churches. Hair splitting is not necessary when the defense of the country is involved and when the government feels that it is more practical for the Churches to deduct the Victory Tax from the salary of the minister. If we lose the war we will have neither Church nor State. We ought to go ahead and do what the government has asked us to do.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Robbins

I was much interested in your editorial, "We Must Help 'Win the Peace'." I note that you are suggesting that the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention, with the Executive Boards of the Southern and National Baptist Conventions appoint a joint "Win the Peace" committee. I hope you have sent this article, with this marked, to Drs. Gallup and Hazen, the continuing secretaries of the Northern Baptist Convention. They plan the agenda for the meetings of the General Council. The General Council meets Wednesday, the 16th of December and if you have not written these men or sent them this article, I suggest that you do so. In my addresses I have said "We will make sure that as individuals and as a denomination our influence makes for a righteous peace, with no thought of vengeance, but with liberty, justice and mercy for all peoples of every race and nationality. As Gov. Stassen said at Cleveland: 'Establish a peace that will be a people's peace, a peace that will be based upon the fundamental concepts of our religion—a peace that will have a chance to endure.' On the foundation of such a peace we will build a more Christian post-war world. Our prayers and our plans will spring from a recognition of the solidarity of humanity, the oneness of all people, the supremacy of spiritual values. Our historic Baptist emphasis has been upon the basic worth of the individual, upon spiritual values, upon liberty for ourselves and for all men. We have stood, and we stand today, for free speech, freedom of worship, and freedom of conscience. As Baptists we are peculiarly fitted to have a real influence in a just peace and a Christian post-war world." This will show you my position on this important matter.

Very sincerely,

J. C. Robbins
President Northern Baptist Convention

Made a Good Case

Thank you very much for your communication of November 20. I am passing it on to Dr. Crouch our Executive Secretary, suggesting that he present it to the fall meeting of our Executive Committee when it meets here December 16. I think you have made out a good case for our helping to "Win the Peace," however, I have a feeling that the main job before us now for some time to come is to help win the war. Of course it is well enough for us to be devoting much serious thought to this matter now. It certainly does furnish a great deal of food for thought. I am sure you are on the right track and I wish for you Godspeed.

Walter M. Gilmore,
Publicity Director
Southern Baptist Convention

Valuable Suggestion

Thank you for your advance proof of the article *We Must Help Win the Peace.* It is a thoughtful article, and proposes a valuable suggestion You may not be aware of the fact that our Council has been working in this field, trying to stir up interest among the churches. What the Southern Baptist Conventions and the National Baptists are doing, I do not know. I would hope that your article will receive a wide reading.

William G. Mather
Franklin, Indiana

Thank You!

The World Relief Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention has requested that I, as executive secretary, write you this word of appreciation for your services in helping to promote the work of the Committee and for the editorial support which you have given the various projects of the World Emergency Fund. Our Committee on World Relief has been busy promoting the whole Fund, hoping that most of the $600,000 will be raised on December sixth, our Sunday of Sacrifice. If this is not possible, then we shall be forced to renew our promotional efforts since the Fund simply must be raised. We know that you will also want to join us in this effort if it becomes necessary.

Stanley I. Stuber
Executive Secretary
World Relief Committee

A Fine Issue

I have just seen the November issue of the United States Baptist and am delighted with the splendid way in which you have given a boost to the World Emergency Fund. It is a fine issue of your magazine, and I am just sending this hurried brief note as I am rushing out of the office to tell you how much we appreciate your cooperation.

E. F. Adams,
New York, N. Y.

Appreciates Tribute

Please accept the thanks of one subscriber for your fine tribute to our service men, and the space given to the important matter of chaplains. I was disappointed at not finding in Chaplain Rossell's report of those attending the Chaplain School now located at Harvard University. Texas, with fourteen, may well be proud.

E. H. DeGroot, Jr.
Washington, D. C.

From the Chief of Chaplains

The current issue of The UNITED STATES BAPTIST has come to my office and its contents have been noted with much interest.

Of especial interest was the editorial "A Gallant Army" which appears on page three. The excellency of this article is such that we have taken the liberty to photostat this article in order to bring it to the attention of certain individuals who may otherwise not see it. Believing that you will be interested in the photostatic copy which we have made, we are inclosing a copy herewith.

For this excellent editorial and the sentiments which it expresses, please accept my thanks and appreciation.

Very sincerely yours,

William R. Arnold
Chief of Chaplains

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Changes in Personnel of Sunday School Board

At the meeting of the Sunday School Board here December 16, some vital changes were made in the personnel of the staff. Dr. Prince E. Burroughs, educational and promotional secretary of the Board since 1910, will retire next June, and Dr. J. O. Williams, who has been business manager of the Board since 1934, was elected to succeed Dr. Burroughs. No successor was elected to fill Dr. Williams' position as business manager. Dr. Hight C. Moore, who has been editorial secretary since 1917, will retire also next June as editorial secretary, but was elected to fill Dr. N. R. Drummond's place as associate editorial secretary till January 1, 1944. Dr. Moore's successor has not been named nor Dr. Drummond's successor, beyond January 1, 1944. Joe Heacock, educational director of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, for the past five years, was elected to fill the place of Rev. Chester L. Quarles in the Training Union Department as associational director. Mr. Heacock is a graduate of Howard College and of the Southwestern Seminary. He begins his new work January 1, 1943. Also Rev. Henry C. Rogers, for the past seven years secretary of the Training Union Department of the Tennessee Convention, was elected as head of the Intermediate B.T.U. Department, succeeding Miss Elaine Coleman, who recently married. Mr Rogers begins his new work January 1.

New Phases of Church Extension

By EDWIN A. BELL

THE post-war world will be one of great opportunity. This is the opinion of government officials, science, business and education. Statesmen are now thinking in terms of world reconstruction: post-war rehabilitation commissions are at work and committees are busy making plans for what they hope will be a just and durable peace. Science is thinking in terms of progress, business is dealing with terms of new and greater opportunities, while education is quickly readjusting its whole curriculum to a world in which action and production will play a leading role.

There is every reason in the world why the Christian church should plan for a greater future. Mission secretaries are already laying plans for the extension of the Gospel around the globe just as soon as the conflict is over. The Board of Education of our denomination is just beginning an extensive school and college campaign. Our Publication Society has an "Advance" program. The World Emergency Fund, with its world relief program, is another indication of meeting a tremendous service opportunity in advance. Many phases of the program of our Home Mission societies look to the future. Local churches are paying off old debts and taking on new vitality. All this would seem to illustrate the fact that the Northern Baptist Convention is a forward-looking organization.

But it is not really forward-looking unless it creates new congregations and develops a building fund for future extension of its local church work. Unless our denomination is constantly winning new converts through church schools and confession of faith, unless it moves into new communities, it may lose a great opportunity for Kingdom building. We must keep in mind that local churches are the backbone of our denominational life. They are supreme. They supply the membership, the missionaries, the preachers, the teachers. They are the source of supply for the Unified Budget. It is therefore essential that we not only maintain our present churches on a high working standard, but that we also develop new churches which will in a short time contribute materially and spiritually to the life of the denomination. To accomplish this and the Church Extension Reserve Fund was authorized by the Cleveland Convention.

The immediate purpose of this campaign is to raise $250,000 as a reserve fund for the building of Baptist churches in newly developed defense or suburban communities just as soon as conditions and priorities permit. Now is the time to raise the money, for money is one of the most plentiful of commodities at the present time. Millions of "Baptist dollars" will be going into defense stamps and bonds. Baptists, like all other citizens, will be forced to save their money. In view of the vast need for new Baptist churches, and the opportunity for progress which the Church Extension Reserve Fund offers, many of our number will want *to double the power of their dollars*: (1) by buying government stamps and bonds, and (2) by handing on these same stamps and bonds to the Church Extension Reserve Fund.

Although the denomination will not promote the sale of stamps or bonds, it has made provision for a day when they may be received along with a general offering for the Fund. *This day is Sunday,* January 31, 1943. Series "E," "F" and "G" bonds will be received on this Sunday in local churches. Many churches will have receptacles in the form of a model church to receive these gifts of government bonds. (Your attention is called to the ad in this issue.) On this Church Extension Sunday it is expected that many pastors will stress the needs of the "suburban mission fields" and possibly preach a sermon on preparing leaders and buildings for a great spiritual harvest.

The publicity department of our Convention has prepared material on the Church Extension Reserve Fund which is included in this issue of the United States Baptist. We express here our appreciation to the Editor and urge you to read this material carefully that you may be well informed about this new program of our denomination.

Dr. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland City Mission Society, a student of the religious life of cities, recently made the following observation: "The swift population change, combined with the more recent ones due to the war have profoundly altered the problem of the Christian church. Old churches, once vigorous and influential, have in some instances closed their doors, while in other instances they have lost so heavily they are no longer able to do much beyond self-support. Another and more important fact is that we have not built new churches to offset these losses. We know what would happen to America in this war if she were not able to replace her losses in ships and military equipment. Our failure to enter new suburban areas with church organizations constitutes one of the darkest chapters in the history of Northern Baptists."

The Church Extension Reserve Fund now gives us the opportunity to redeem ourselves and begin a campaign which will commence in these new communities, but which certainly will not end there. For it may well be that the hope and the vision of our Baptist work in the tomorrows will radiate from these new communities which are so crowded with new ideas and the capacity to produce.

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Protest Against Profanity

The following Resolution was adopted November 11, 1942, by the South Carolina Baptist State Convention in its Annual Session in Columbia, South Carolina:

WHEREAS, There is manifest today an increasing prevalance of the use of profane and even blasphemous language in newspaper and magazine articles and over the radio, particularly in quotations from and fiction about the armed forces, and

WHEREAS, Such language is always deplorable, but especially so when flaunted in the face of the public, young as well as old, and

WHEREAS, Such language is degrading in its influence upon our citizenship, especially the youth of the land, and constitutes a definite contradiction of the Christian ideal, and presents us in an unenviable light before the world, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the South Carolina Baptist State Convention, assembled in Columbia, South Carolina, November 10-12, 1942, express our growing concern and great distress over this situation, and hereby most respectfully urge upon all parties involved a discontinuance of such practice. Be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to furnish copies of these resolutions to the secular and religious press, and that a copy be mailed to the President of the United States, expressing our earnest hope that he may be pleased to use the influence of his high office, in whatsoever way he may be pleased to use the influence of his high office, in whatsoever way he may see fit, to seek a discontinuance of this practice on the part of newspapers and magazines and the radio.

J. H. Simpson, Secretary
South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Our Ministry To Service Men

By M. E. BRATCHER

The World Emergency Fund raised in 1941-42 has made possible a very significant ministry to our men who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States.

The following is a brief summary of this work which is being carried on at the present time.

1. Cooperating with more than 200 Northern Baptist Chaplains by providing Communion sets, religious posters and larger quantities of religious literature including Secret Place, Baptist Leader, Missions, Watchman-Examiner, United States Baptist, Pastors' Round Table, Pastors' News Letter, various evangelistic and religious tracts, etc.
2. Employing full time workers to go from church to church or from community to community to assist the churches in organizing and establishing enlarged programs or to give this full time to one single Camp Area.
3. Cooperating with other denominations and agencies in employing full time workers whose duties are identical with those mentioned above.
4. Supplementing the salary of the pastor of a small church located near a large camp thereby enabling the church to secure a more adequately trained and more effective leadership to meet this new and great challenge.
5. Employing part time workers where the task is too great for the local church and yet does not justify a full time worker.
6. Making appropriations, when local churches need assistance, toward the additional expenses necessitated by the enlarged program.

Summary of Workers and Programs

8 Full time workers supported entirely by Baptists.

12 Full time workers supported in part by Baptists.

5 Pastors of small churches near camps receiving supplements to their salary.

8 Part time workers.

72 Local programs by single churches or several churches unitedly receive appropriations toward the the additional expense involved in their enlarged program.

Results of a Few Programs

1. The Community Baptist Church, Kodiak, Alaska (with only about 75 members) ministered to 759 American soldiers in one month.
2. Trenton, New Jersey registered 1,685 service men (many attended without registering) who attended the Saturday night Program maintained by all the Baptist churches of Trenton in the Central Baptist Church from January 24 to November 15, 1942.
3. The churches of Tacoma, Washington provide beds in the church for Saturday night and breakfast Sunday morning for men who desire to remain in town over night and attend church services on Sunday.
4. The Baptist Churches of San Diego, California, maintain a seven day a week program in the First Baptist Church which was attended by 3005 men of the Army, Navy and Marines last month.
5. The Baptist churches of Sioux Falls, South Dakota operate a very effective program and reach on Sunday in their various services as many as 467 on a single Sunday with a total for the five Sundays from October 15 to November 15 of 1908. Our worker here has organized a particularly helpful program for Negro soldiers where there is little else for them.

In numerous areas the service men are enthusiastic over what their Denomination and local churches are doing for them and thousands are being reached each month in one way or another so as to be helpful to the men themselves and to increase their loyalty to the church and Christ.

Without the World Emergency Fund this program could not have been promoted. Surely the members of the Northern Baptist Convention find great satisfaction in such a ministry among our Service Men who are making great sacrifices—in many instances the supreme sacrifice. Surely we will give again to the World Emergency Fund even at great sacrifice to make possible the continuance of this ministry in the name and spirit of Christ.

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"Middies" Attend Chapel

Roger W. Babson, well-known financial writer, describes in a recent article some of the impressions he received on a visit he made to the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Here is one of his comments on this famous school for training young Americans to be officers in the Navy: "Incidentally, it sets a good example to other colleges by having it compulsory that every student attend divine worship at some church every Sunday morning. Out of over 3,000 men nearly 2,500 were at the service which I attended."

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Debt Free In 1943

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention held its regular semi-annual meeting in Nashville December 16, the same day the Sunday School Board met. The two groups held a joint devotional service and also had lunch together, joined also by Dr. Frank H. Leavell's group of fifty odd Baptist Student Union secretaries, who were here for their annual three-day conference.

The regular routine matters of the Committee were attended to. The allocation of funds for another year will remain the same with the possible exception of the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans and the American Theological Seminary here in Nashville. Dr. Bristow of the Hospital was not present and so the allocation to his institution was left pending until a conference with him could be had.

Dr. Austin Crouch reported the receipts of the Executive Committee for this year up to November 30 as $2,834,-648.12. The December receipts will doubtless push the total beyond the $3,000,000.00 mark, the largest amount since the early days of the 75 Million Campaign twenty odd years ago.

The major matter before Southern Baptists now, according to Dr. J. E. Dillard, is "a debt-free denomination in '43." February 14 has been set as Debtless Denomination Day. Every one of our 25,000 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention is urged to do something about wiping out the last penny of the indebtedness on our Southwide agencies and institutions on that day. The aggregate debt is now approximately $1,200,000. It was over $6,500,000 ten years ago.

Secretary Charles E. Maddry of the Foreign Mission Board announced that his Board, which had a debt of $1,100,000 ten years ago when he began his administration, now has a debt of only $35,000 and this will all be paid according to schedule by May 1, 1943. Also Dr. J. B. Lawrence of the Home Mission Board, which had a debt of over $2,000,000, announced that his Board would be out of debt by July 1, 1943. Of course as soon as these two debts are liquidated, the funds hitherto allocated from the Hundred Thousand Club to them will be distributed according to debt needs to the other agencies.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

February 7th, 1943

A CALL TO THE BAPTISTS OF THE WORLD

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We call upon the members of all the churches of our communion in every part of the earth to observe the first Lord's Day of February next as *Baptist World Alliance Sunday*, and to use to the full its opportunities of united praise and prayer.

We hold firmly to the conviction that these who are disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ are inseparably and forever linked with one another. Even when sundered by distance and without means of intercommunication, they are still able "by faith to meet around one common mercy-seat." No conditions of war and tumult, no human or other power, can weaken, still less can they destroy, the God-created spiritual unity of believers.

Let no one say that *Thanksgiving and praise* have no place at such a time as this. By the grace of God the work of evangelization continues with unabated energy in mission fields covering vast areas of the world. Missionaries cut off from their home bases have been succoured and sustained by their brethren of other lands. In many a country unprecedented need has been met by unprecedented and self-forgetting liberality. Losses and sorrows have evoked unique manifestations of Christian sympathy, not merely in word but in deed. Where the scourges of war and oppression have fallen on communities still young in the faith, wonders of grace appear in the fidelity, courage, and patience with which the converts glorify their Saviour and Lord. We thank the "Father of lights" for all fine qualities of Christian character and for all true service in the name of Christ, whether associated with our own or any other communion. At the same time, we are constrained, as we reflect upon the abundant blessing bestowed upon our Baptist people, to glorify the riches of His grace and thankfully to rededicate ourselves to His service. Our whole past calls upon us, especially as we review the missionary story of modern times, to "expect great things from God," and therefore to "attempt great things for God."

Our World Alliance Sunday must be a day of *intercession*. In many regions members of our faith and order must needs drain a bitter cup, either for the sake of the Name or as sharers in the calamities that have befallen their nation. Deeply and sincerely shall we enter into the fellowship of their sufferings and offer heartfelt prayer on their behalf to Him who in all their affliction to Himself afflicted. May they understand even now that the affliction worketh for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory!

We urge with special concern that on February 7th next there shall be specific intercession for our brethren in the U.S.S.R. For many years we have known little of them and of their conditions; now the curtain is drawn aside, and we are informed that there are millions of Baptists involved in the heavy trials of their countrymen, and still witnessing and working for Christ. As members of our World Alliance they will have their part in our day of worship, and the knowledge that they participate with us will stir the hearts and minds of their brethren everywhere. We shall offer fervent petition with them and for them, and for all followers of Christ in the Soviet Republic, that the strength and joy of the Holy Spirit may be theirs, that their labor for the Kingdom of God may be prospered exceedingly, that the blessings of a just peace may ere long be granted to them and to the whole world, and that the myriads of mighty Russia shall enjoy freedom and find fullness of life in fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ. This new intercourse with the Russian Baptists will immeasurably deepen the significance of our Alliance Sunday in 1943.

Finally, we plead that all praise and intercession shall be offered in the mood of *penitence*. In such a message as this we do not enter upon political issues involved in the present calamitous struggle. We recognize that the judgments of God are abroad in the earth, that no nation or church is faultless in His sight, that our own acts and omissions have had something to do with the evils that have come upon us; and that it behooves us to draw near to God with sincere searching of heart and true humility. "Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up . . . And let us know, let us follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is sure as the morning; and He will come to us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth."

In the name of the Baptist World Alliance, we greet our brethren of all lands, and pray that we all may be filled "unto all the fullness of God."

J. H. RUSHBROOKE,
President

GEORGE W. TRUETT,
Past-President

WALTER O. LEWIS,
General Secretary

CLIFTON D. GRAY,

LOUIE D. NEWTON,
Associate Secretaries

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Our Ignoble Experiment

In repeal we have the ignoble experiment. Booze and politics are an unholy alliance, and coddling our armed forces with liquor will not win the war. The nation now has three times as many booze parlors as public schools, and social impurity and crime are mounting higher and higher.

Is this "our way of life" we are defending? With a $15,000,000 annual crime bill, John Barleycorn is proving to be our costliest citizen, and our greatest disgrace. The public is growing more and more disgusted. The liquor gang have asked for battle, and signs throughout the nation indicate they will get it to a finish. Drys are chalking up their victories from day to day.

—First Baptist Advance, Abilene.

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Life's Imperative

Life's great imperative is to have Jesus Christ enshrined within the heart. Thus he becomes life and power. Spiritual ideals and New Testament principles must throb through life. There is no other definition than this that Christianity is a life. "Christ liveth in me" is the highest spiritual point that men may attain. It is the crowning achievement of life's earnest endeavors.

Perhaps our greatest contribution in our modern day is just to be Christians, not mediocre Christians, but men dynamic and powerful who know and love and serve faithfully the Lord Jesus Christ.

—Baptist Courier.

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

TRINITY UNIVERSITY, A PRESBYTERIAN INSTITUTION at Waxahachie, Texas, has been moved to San Antonio and merged with the Methodist University of that city. It continues under the name of Trinity University, a Presbyterian institution. Dr. Monroe G. Everett was recently inaugurated as president.

THE MASSACHUSETTS BAPTIST MINISTERS in their meeting in Boston voted in favor of a "committee on pastoral settlement." State secretary, Dr. Isaac Higginbotham, will be ex-officio member of the committee, composed of Rev. David Smith, Dr. Vernon L. Schontz, Rev. W. H. Lucas and Rev. L. E. Wiley.

DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON IN THE CHRISTIAN INDEX reports on the 32 Baptist colleges in Georgia, stating that out of 14,386 students, 5,213 of them are Baptists. He says, "more than one-third of all the white college students in Georgia are Baptists, while the total white Baptist population is approximately one-sixth of the state's population."

THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE ON CHURCH AND INDUSTRY is having very profitable meetings during the fall and winter, discussing such questions as "What are the criticisms of industry by the church? What are the criticisms of the church by industry and labor? Is organized labor justified in thinking that the church is dominated by wealthy contributors?"

GOVERNOR HAROLD E. STASSEN SPOKE ON THE INFLUENCE of the church in public and social life at the dedication of the new educational building of the Fourth Church, Minneapolis, of which Dr. R. V. Clearwaters is pastor.

THE CALVARY CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA., recently enjoyed a stirring revival in which state secretary Hugh D. Pickett of West Virginia did the preaching. There were 13 additions.

THE CHINESE ARMY IS TO BE GIVEN EVERY EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE POSSIBLE, including all the latest methods, according to a report in China at War.

THE WAR CRY, SALVATION ARMY PAPER, has been using many pictures and covering stories of the first visit of General George L. Carpenter of the Salvation Army to America.

ORTHODOX CHURCH LEADER, METROPOLITAN NIKOLAI OF KIEV, has been appointed by the Soviet Russian government as a member of the special commission to investigate war damage by German occupation forces.

REPORTS FROM THE SEVERAL METHODIST CONFERENCES being held in the south reveal a shortage of ministers. It is reported that two out of three ministerial graduates from the Southern Methodist University are entering the service as chaplains. The churches are urged to use lay preachers and Sunday school superintendents for the duration.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SCOTLAND IN THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY tells the story of the formation of the British Council of Churches, marking "a long step toward ultimate reunion of the churches in this part of the world."

MR. HAZEN E. KUNTZ, CHIEF ASSISTANT TO THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, Detroit, reports that in the Wayne county court 6,150 divorce suits were filed during the first seven months of 1941, while in 1942 for the same period there were 6,473, and that one of the chief factors was the economic conditions.

DR. HARVEY L. TURNER, who declined the presidency of the University of Minnesota, has been inaugurated president of Hillsdale College. The chief speaker was President W. H. Crowley of Hamilton College, Clinton, N. Y.

THE CALIFORNIA-NEVADA BULLETIN TELLS US THAT DR. AMBROSE BAILEY of Willows has been called to the First Baptist church, McMinnville, Oregon. Also that Dr. Richard E. Day, author of "Man of Like Passions" conducted a week of meetings in San Jose, Calif.

REV. GILBERT B. CHRISTIAN, SAN JOSE, CALIF., has been appointed Director of Promotion for the Northern California Convention.

DR. CREED W. GAWTHROP HAS FINISHED TEN VERY SUCCESSFUL YEARS as executive secretary the Northern California Convention. A series of charts in the Bulletin tell the story of increases —membership from 25,599 to 36,571; missionary giving from $52,700 to $85,00; valuation of church property from $3,203, 164 to $3,525,014, while the church debts have been reduced from $427,775 to $368,261 in 1942.

DR. D. R. SHARPE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Cleveland City Mission, has recovered from a severe case of blood poisoning.

THE NOVEMBER TWENTIETH ISSUE OF THE PROTESTANT VOICE carried eight stories about Baptists: Picture and story about Ocean Park—Baptist Paradise; Baptist work in Camp Lee, Va.; Picture of Dr. G. W. Gawthrop and ten years progress in Northern California; picture of Dr. John W. Thomas and convocations, with references to work among the evacuees; tri-state campaign to raise $500,000 for orphanage for children of Western Tennessee, Northern Mississippi and Eastern Arkansas; story of Dr. John Lake, Rev. Harold C. Etter and leper work; Dr. J. C. Robbins and his suggestions for controlling liquor traffic; and story about Dr. H. Augustine Smith of Boston University.

DR. WILLIAM J. SCHIEFFELIN, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN MISSION TO THE LEPERS, with over 100 leper colonies reports that "the past year has been the most fruitful in the history of the organization" with new fields opened in South America and Africa.

THE RIPLY MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO, N. Y., was recently destroyed by fire with a loss of $100,000.

MISS EDITH ABBOTT, A NEBRASKAN, who has served as dean of social service administration of the University of Chicago since 1924 has retired. For many years she was associated with her sister, Miss Grace Abbott, who was chief of the U. S. children's bureau from 1921 to 1934.

BAPTISTS OF MISSOURI NUMBERING 290,863 were represented by 1,000 messengers at their 108th annual meeting held with the First Baptist church of Jefferson City. Last year they reported an increase of $100,000 in money raised. There were 11,431 baptisms and 10,000 additions by letter. The only loss was a drop in the average attendance in Sunday school of 8,351.

THE BAPTISTS OF NEW MEXICO REPORT FINANCIAL RECEIPTS of $68,000 for the past year which were nearly double those of the previous year. During the past 15 years the membership has increased nearly 50%. The convention owns its own headquarters building, printing plant, assembly grounds, orphans home, a building at the Eastern New Mexico State College and other property.

THE SECOND CHURCH, ST. LOUIS, has established a "Family Relations Council" to offer suggestions to married couples and those contemplating marriage.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE RAISED THE MONEY for placing a marble canopy over the slab that marks the grave of Luther Rice at Pine Pleasant Baptist church, South Carolina.—W. E.

THE WATCHMAN, ORGAN OF THE DANISH CHURCHES in America, reports that last year the Danish churches in Iowa contributed $4,249.70 to the Unified Missionary Budget of the Northern Convention and $1,133.35 to the World Emergency Fund. Dr. M. A. Wesgaard is editor of this good publication.

REV. OSCAR P. CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION for the Connecticut Baptist onvention has resigned.

THE WAY TO TREAT A PASTOR IS DEMONSTRATED by the Pinehurst, Liberty, Smyrna and Harmony Baptist churches of the Houston Association in Georgia when they presented Pastor George Griffith with a new 1942 cream-colored de luxe sedan Chevrolet, equipped with heater and seat covers.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE SALARY OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY IS $60,000 per year and that of the Archbishop of York is only $36,000. Archbishop Temple has suggested that they could stand a reduction, although most of the salary goes for income tax and upkeep of the official palaces.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS $339,000 was in hand to apply on the $400,000 indebtedness of Convention, raised by the Baptist Brotherhood. Plans were made to raise the remaining $61,000. Secretary Springer said: "Never has anything so stirred our state. The spirit of unity is greater than ever before and our missionary spirit is higher."

PRESIDENT LAWRENCE T. LOWERY OF BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE announced at the recent Mississippi convention that $85,100 had been raised toward the goal of $100,000 for the college.

THE PROTESTANT VOICE REPORTS that "The Tokyo radio has announced that all Protestant denominations in Japan have been dissolved and will henceforth be included in a single church—the Church of Christ in Japan."

MAYOR LAGUARDIA'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST GAMBLING in New York has met with one exception—Police Commissioner Valentine has ruled that "Churches—and churches only—will be permitted to hold bingo games in any of New York's five boroughs."

THE FAMOUS $135,000 MURPHY ORGAN OF THE DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA and erected in Orchestra Hall by the late William H. Murphy in 1924, has been sold to the Calvary Presbyterian church of Detroit.

GOVERNOR HAROLD E. STASSEN, OF MINNESOTA has been elected president of the International Council of Religious Education, succeeding J. L. Kraft, acting president of the Council. He has been a member of the governing board.

REV. EDWIN G. ZORN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America, says there are 55,000 country churches without pastors and that his organization with 836 clergy and 100,000 members is attempting to help this situation.

DR. E. E. FLACK, DEAN OF THE HAMMA DIVINITY SCHOOL, Springfield, O., is urging members of the United Lutheran Church Brotherhood "to serve as lay readers, parish workers and church visitors to meet the present critical demands for spiritual undergirding of life."

BETHEL COLLEGE, ST. PAUL, MINN., reports an increase in students from 154 to 177 and also an increase in the Seminary department.

CHRISTIAN CENTURY REPORTS that "the persecution of the churches of Norway is resulting in an unprecedented revival of interest in religion, and, that while 90% of the clergymen have resigned their status as state officials, thus losing their stipends, they resolutely retain their status as spiritual leaders by reason of their ordination." It also reports that Bishop Berggrav, "imprisoned primate of Norway, is said to be working on a translation of the New Testament into modern Norwegian."

THE CENTRAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH AND CLINTON AVENUE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BROOKLYN have voted to merge. Dr. Frederick K. Stamm has resigned as pastor of the Clinton Avenue church and Dr. Moses R. Lovell, who succeeded Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of the Sentral Church, will be pastor of the united church. The new congregation will worship in the Clinton Avenue building as the Negro population has surrounded the other location.

IT IS THE HOPE OF THE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION to revive 10,000 abondoned rural churches during the coming year.

THE RHODE ISLAND COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has elected Rev. Artemas P. Goodwin, pastor of the Roger Williams Baptist Church, Providence, president for the coming year. It has also formed a new department of evangelism.

REV. CECIL HOBBS, SIX YEARS A MISSIONARY IN BURMA under the A.B.F.M.S., has been called to the Emmanuel Baptist church, Batavia, N. Y.

DEATHS

The call of God to go up higher has been heard and answered during the past few weeks by Rev. George G. Craft, 96, Wayne, Pa., who was ordained in 1870 and served churches in Penna., Mass., Ohio and Wyoming. . . . Rev. L. McKinnon, 82, Grand Forks, N.D., who served the past 19 years in North Dakota churches and before that time in Canada. . . . Rev. F. C. Spur, 80, London, pastor for years in England and 5 years in Australia. . . .

And Rev. B. F. Butler, for many years pastor of the Baptist church at Manlius, Illinois. . . . Lieutenant Colonel Cuthbert P. Newton, 63, Fort Dix, N. J., a chaplain since 1918 with service in two wars. . . . Mr. Albert H. Finn, for 50 years a leading layman in the First church Detroit. . . . Dr. Charles W. Brinstad, 78, San Francisco, formerly executive secretary of Nebraska and Northern California. . . . Rev. E. R. Clevenger, 78, Lebanon, Oregon. . . . M. H. Wolfe, Dallas, Texas, prominent layman in Texas for fifty years or more. . . . Dr. L. J. Mims, Brownwood, Texas, formerly president of Howard Payne College. . . . Rev. W. E. Dougherty, Waco, Texas, a Disciple minister for more than 50 years who left three sons in the ministry. . . . And Dr. James F. Wells, 86, Kansas City, for more than forty years a great builder for the Central Baptist Seminary and one of its founders. May God bless the memory of these saints in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved them through the years.

LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Rev. C. E. Matthews has completed 20 years with the Travis Avenue church, Ft. Worth, Texas, during which time the membership has grown from 209 to more than 5,000, with $836,197 raised for Kingdom work. . . . After 28 years Rev. George W. Peck, Jr., has resigned as pastor of First Baptist church, Rutland, Vt. . . . Dr. Ernest G. Guthrie has resigned as executive director of the Congregational Union of Chicago after 16 years service, developing the Union into a great research and planning agency for Protestant urban work. . . .

And Rev. Gabriel Petre, after 19 years with the West Hungarian Baptist church, Cleveland, has resigned to accept a call from the Hungarian Baptist church in Buffalo, N. Y. . . . Dr. William L. Ball is beginning his 11th year with the Earle Street church, Greenville, S. C. . . . Congratulations to Mrs. Harriett C. Stevens, widow of Dr. Edward O. Stevens, for 45 years a missionary to Burma until his death in 1910, upon reaching

her 101st birthday November 24. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. George P. Phoenix, at Hampton Institute, Virginia. . . . Rev. Wm. R. Wood, Augusta, Maine, who has just celebrated 50 years in the ministry. . . . Rev. Albert E. Davis, after 11 years with the Emmanuel Baptist church, Auburn, N. Y., has resigned to accept a field position with the New York Civic League. . . . Rev. R. W. Bennett, for ten years pastor of the First Baptist church, Renselaer, N. Y., has resigned and will retire from active service.

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Navy Chaplain's Corps

The religious press of the nation will welcome a bill just introduced in Congress which will give additional strength and vitality to the Navy Chaplains' Corps. It authorizes a Chaplain's Corps with a Chief of Chaplains, and gives the Chief of Chaplains the temporary rank of rear admiral. The proposed legislation has the whole-hearted support of the Protestant Churches through the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, and of other Church groups, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish. The Navy Chaplaincy has heretofore been at a disadvantage as compared with the Army Chaplains' Corps, which has had facilities corresponding to this since 1920. While the new measure does not go as far as had been hoped for by the Church representatives, it represents a much-needed step in the right direction. It gives a definite recognition to the place religious ministration should have in the lives of Navy men. At present the Navy Chaplaincy is a minor function of the Bureau of Personnel, much as in pre-World War I days the Army Chaplains were tucked away in The Adjutant General's Department. The Head of the Chaplains' Division functions merely by administrative order within the Navy, not by law. The new measure names him by law as Chief of Chaplains, nominated by the President and the Senate, with a definite term of office and powers under the law. It is significant that the bill, in identical form, has been introduced in the Senate by the Hon. David I. Walsh, of Massachusetts, who is a Roman Catholic and a Democrat, and in the House by the Hon. Charles A. Plumley, of Vermont, who is a Protestant and a Republican. The bills are numbered S.2916 and HR 7838, respectively. If the legislation passes and the Navy accepts the new point of view which it involves, the Navy can be counted upon, as always, to do a good job.

YOU ARE NEEDED AS A CHAPLAIN

By MIKE ELLIOTT

Several of my minister friends have talked to me lately about possible service in the Army or Navy, as a Chaplain.

It happens that some of these men have held pacifist convictions. They wonder if their applications would be seriously considered.

I could not answer the question for them, but I did sympathize with their very evident desire to be of service to the men in the various branches of the Army and Navy. I knew that no outspoken pacifist, or one that had a public record as such, would be considered. On the other hand, I was sure that the application of a man, pacifist or not, who was sincere and honest in his desire to be appointed a Chaplain and thus be in a position to render needed spiritual service to the men, would be given every consideration.

In order to verify my opinion in the matter I sought out Dr. S. Arthur Devan, Director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and put the problem up to him. He could give me the answer if any man could.

Dr. Devan was asked this question:

"Suppose a minister has held pacifist convictions. He realizes the urgent need for Chaplains, and sees clearly the unusual opportunity to minister to the armed forces. He has not been radical in his pacifist attitude. He is not on public record as a pacifist. Would his application be given consideration?"

It was evident that Dr. Devan welcomed the opportunity to answer such a question and here is what he said:

"We have had a number of inquiries from able and qualified men with pacifist tendencies. We have sensed a feeling of sincere desire on the part of each one of the ministers to find a place somewhere among the soldiers and sailors where they might be real spiritual leaders. They have studied the problem from every angle, some of them for months, and they are convinced that they are under obligation to offer themselves. They hate war, just as we do, but they are conscious of the issues involved in this war and they believe they ought to make the contribution they are most fitted to make.

"These men meet the rigid standards and they would bring honor to the Chaplaincy. They would be efficient ministers of the Spirit. I would not hesitate for one moment if I were one of them to offer my service. Their record would be investigated, of course, just as the record of every man applying is investigated. I have no doubt but that many would meet the reuirements.

"I sympathize with them in their desire, and the struggle they have faced in meeting their particular problem. We have all had to face the issue in one way or another. The need for additional Chaplains is urgent. The Chaplaincy offers the greatest field of service now that can be found anywhere. The Chaplain is the "Church with the men." If the men are to be protected spiritually they must have the friendship and leadership of high-minded, earnest Chaplains," Dr. Devan declared.

Well, there was the answer. It was an answer that demonstrated the fair-minded way in which the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains approaches the issues involved in appointment.

The spiritual need of the soldier and sailor is the main thing. My pacifist friends realize that. The fact that they desire an appointment, or would even consider it, is evidence of their sincerity.

The Army and Navy is rapidly expanding. Many hundreds of additional Chaplains are required. The future of the Church in America depends on the spiritual guidance given the men in the Army and Navy now. They will be the leaders in every phase of American life when the war is over. The response of the armed forces to spiritual leadership is astounding, according to the records. It is an unparalleled opportunity and no wiser decision could be made by the younger ministers than that of applying for appointment to the Chaplaincy. It is not only an opportunity, but an obligation.

If I had a conviction that I should seek an appointment as a Chaplain I would not hesitate—no matter what my particular problem might have been, or might be now. I would write a letter to Dr. Devan and lay the matter before him. He will give wise and considerate counsel. The general Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains has offices in the Woodward Building, Washington, D. C.

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Salvation

God *thought it*—
Christ *bought it*—
The Bible *taught it*—
The mind *caught it*—
The soul *sought it*—
The Spirit *wrought it*—
The devil *fought it*—
But I've got it, by the grace of God.
—*Dr. Andrew Jackson.*

D.D.'S FOR MINISTERS

DO TAKE A LOOK, OCCASIONALLY, AT YOURSELF.

Self inspection may become morbid, and lead to despondency and discouragement. Not a few ministers cannot take it when they see themselves as they are. Such self-inspection is not what I have in mind. It is an altogether healthful and wholesome thing to once and awhile stand apart and take a good look at oneself. Perhaps it is most needful when one falls into the Slough of Despondency. A good look at oneself will discover that the mood is all unnecessary and should be dismissed.

Sometimes it is important that we take a look at ourselves when we are elevated by a sense of pride; when we are disposed to glory in our own achievements. It is a sort of inflation that is disastrous to an efficient ministry. When pride becomes pompous, then is the time to look about for some means of puncturing it.

And there are always means at hand for doing it. That is the hopeful thing about egotism, self-inflation, there are so many ways of deflating it. When a straight and honest look at oneself, will not puncture our pride; then we ought to turn to a friend and request his most drastic treatment.

Sometimes a sensible wife can perform this operation as skillfully as any one, and even more effectively. "Say, John," said a courageous wife to her inflated husband, "don't let the compliments of a few silly women turn your head. That sermon this morning was a flop. You made four grammatical mistakes before you were through with your introduction, and if you had a goal, you never arrived." Wow! Now wouldn't that deflate any preacher's egotism? Yet, who will say, that that treatment of "swollen self-hood" did not do good like a medicine?

Sometimes the disease is a dangerous and critical one, and calls for a surgical operation—and operations are never pleasant.

DON'T ASSUME THAT YOU, ONLY, ARE LEFT OF ALL THE RIGHTEOUS.

I guess we all get into the dumps sometime or other, and when we do, the world goes black. Every star in our heavens has faded out, and thick and impenetrable gloom enshrouds us.

I recall that once in the long ago a prophet got this notion in his head, that everybody, but him, had gone to the "bow wows." Every man had bowed the knee to Baal. Only he had kept the faith. And he was ready to quit the field and end it all.

Pessimism never won a battle, and as long as time lasts, it never will. Victories await the initiative of hope and optimism.

I have the deepest sympathy for a minister when he gets to feeling that he alone is left to steady the ark. Whether that Ark is the ark of truth, or whether it is faith, or religion, or loyalty to Christ—it is a tragic situation to get into, to think that God and good have but one defender.

I hear, occasionally, ministers speak as if they were the only defenders of the truth. They alone are orthodox. To hear the gospel in its purity, people must come to their churches, and listen to them declare it. All others are heretics and perverters of truth.

It is a bit of arrogance that makes them only ridiculous in the eyes of thoughtful men and women. Such men ought to travel a bit and sit in once in a while and listen to other preachers discourse on the glorious faith.

I know of no preacher in my acquaintance who has a monopoly on preaching the gospel, and I know no denomination that has a corner on Truth as it is revealed in Christ our Lord.

Boasting of one's orthodoxy is sometimes the surest way to blind one to New Testament orthodoxy. When the boast of orthodoxy becomes a smokescreen for ignorance or bigotry, it is a perilous thing and calls for penitence and tears.

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Be Careful

I spoke a word,
And no one heard;
I wrote a word,
And no one cared,
Or seemed to heed;
But after half a score of years
It blossomed in a fragrant deed.
Preachers and teachers all are we,
Sowers of seed unconsciously.
Our hearers are beyond our ken,
Yet all we give may come again
With usury of joy and pain.
We never know
To what one little word may grow.
See to it, then, that all your seeds
Be such as bring forth noble deeds.

—*The Kalends.*

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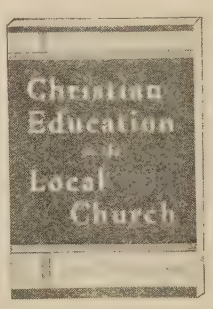

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Picture Story of a Baptist Problem

Here is a picture of a Baptist church back in the peaceful decades before the outbreak of World War I. It was centrally located near the heart of the city and surrounded with fine residential blocks of well-kept brick and brownstone houses. In one of these houses lived a typical Baptist family whom we shall call the Browns.

Grandfather and Grandmother Brown came from New England and, as children, heard Judson speak when he made his famous voyage to enlist American help for the Baptist mission he had founded in Burma. The whole family were deeply devoted to the Baptist church and its world-wide program. They and the other Baptist families like them made substantial contributions to missions and were active in the work of the church. The younger Mrs. Brown was president of the Woman's Missionary Society in her church, and her two children, Tom and Elizabeth, went regularly to the Sunday school and young people's groups.

As the years passed by, the city and the neighborhood around the Baptist Church began to change. The brownstone houses fell into disrepair, and were taken over for rooming houses, laundries, cheap restaurants, etc. Some were torn down to make way for the expanding business section of the city. Large factories and industrial plants attracted a growing number of foreign-born workers, and they settled in the older and less expensive areas of the city. With regret, the Browns and the other families like them said goodbye to the old neighborhood and the old Baptist church, and moved to the suburbs or newer residential sections.

In recent years, the congregation of this particular Baptist church has entirely changed. It is now a "mission church" carrying on its work chiefly among the foreign-born and "second-generation Americans" of the neighborhood. These people do not have enough money to support the program of the church, so that the latter is being aided by the Baptist City Mission Society. The church is carrying on a splendid work which should by all means be continued. But its place in the denominational scheme of things has entirely changed. Years ago it was a strong source of support for the denomination's missionary program. Now it is a charge upon the denomination's missionary funds.

In the meantime, what has become of the Brown family and the other families like them, who used to be the mainstay of the old Baptist church and the denominational missionary program? The cases of Tom and Elizabeth Brown are typical. Tom is married and has moved to a nearby suburban town for the sake of his three growing youngsters. Grandfather and Grandmother have passed on, but Mother and Father Brown are living near Tom. Mother Brown often regrets that there is no Baptist church in the new little town and no Baptist Sunday school for Tom's children to attend. She often wishes that she and her husband and the other Baptist people who live there had enough money to build a Baptist church and call a pastor.

Elizabeth is also married. Her husband has a responsible position with an aircraft manufacturing company. This company has built a new plant in what was formerly a little village surrounded by cornfields. The town is now swarming with industrial workers from all over the country, living in trailers, or new Government housing developments. Elizabeth often worries about her children and the fact that they are living where they cannot have the benefit of a peaceful childhood spent in normal surroundings. She regrets the lack of a church and Sunday school and hopes that something will soon be done to look after the spiritual welfare of the people living under these trying conditions.

And How We Hope to Solve It

The stories of the old Baptist church and the Brown family are not isolated instances. They typify what is happening all over the country as people move away from downtown city areas and into the suburbs, or to new developments near defense plants. If the denomination is to hold them, it must move with them, establishing churches in newer communities which will eventually be able to give the support to our united program that was formerly supplied by the older churches. This fact is well recognized by denominational leaders and has been the subject of frequent conferences.

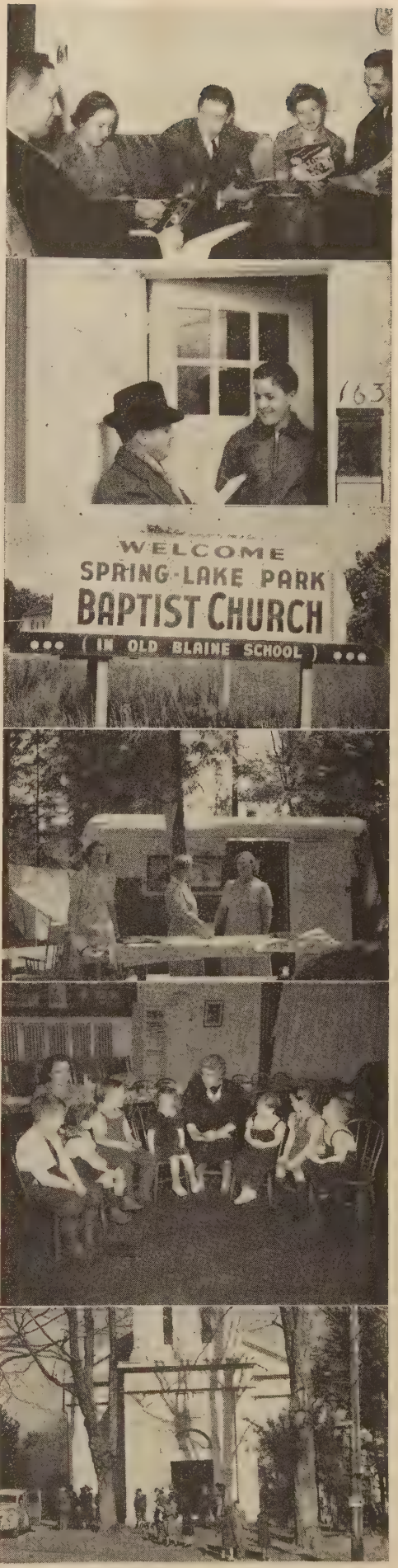
The first step in coping with the problem of bringing the church to new communities was felt to be a survey of the situation. In 1941, a canvass was made by a special committee to determine the denominational affiliations or preferences of residents of a number of such towns. On the basis of this survey it was decided that there were at least 122 surburban communities which it would be advisable for Northern Baptists to enter with the purpose of establishing Baptist churches. Since this survey was made, the trend away from the cities has been accelerated by the establishment of defense plants in rural areas. These new communities, as well as the suburbs, are fertile fields for the establishment of vigorous new churches.

During the latter part of 1941, a program was being developed for entering a number of suburban communities. But with America's entry into the war, plans for erecting new church buildings had to be postponed. What we *can* do now is to accumulate a Church Extension Reserve Fund which will be used for this purpose after the war. In the meantime, congregations can be fostered in growing communities, so that they will be ready to take over the work of the new churches when the time comes to build them. This is at present being done, and Baptist church services are being held in all sorts of makeshift places—school buildings, stores, abandoned farm buildings, etc.

Special attention must be paid to the communities which have sprung up around defense plants. Here people live under difficult conditions. It is particularly important to provide wholesome recreational programs for all ages, religious training for the children, and Christian worship services for adults. Many of these new defense towns will grow into permanent cities, and churches established there will become strong sources of support for our denominational program. Northern Baptists have already started work in a number of such communities through their two Home Mission Societies cooperating with state and local Baptist organizations. The picture shows Miss Jenny Bewsey, a former nurse employed as a Christian worker by Northern Baptists, visiting a defense worker's family in a trailer camp near Bremerton, Washington.

Through programs of this sort, Northern Baptists are seeking to hold for the denomination the members of such Baptist families of long standing as the Browns, as well as to bring new people into the denomination. If we do not make it possible for the Browns to attend a Baptist church by helping to establish one in their community, they may lose touch with church life altogether. That is why Northern Baptists are making plans now for many Baptist "churches of tomorrow," to be erected directly after the war. In one of these churches, the older members of the Brown family will find the church home they have missed since they moved away from the neighborhood of the old Baptist church. The children will attend a Baptist Sunday school and grow up as active members of the denomination, interested in its world program as well as the work of their local church.

The plan behind the Church Extension Reserve Fund is not an untried one. Over a period of several decades, Baptist Home Mission agencies have been helping to establish young churches in growing communities. Sometimes money has been loaned them to improve church property or to erect needed new buildings. In almost every instance this has proved a worth-while investment. The young churches so aided have grown into self-supporting members of the denominational family and are now contributing generously to the Northern Baptist world-wide program. Through the Church Extension Reserve Fund, the denomination hopes to accomplish in a large-scale and systematic way what has hitherto been done only in a small way.



Book Month . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

UNITED STATES BAPTIST BOOK CLUB

Selection No. 1

MAN DISCOVERS GOD. By Sherwood Eddy. Harpers. 270 pp. $2.50

This is a unique and timely volume dealing with a pertinent and perplexing question—man's discovery of God. The answer is that men before and since the birth of Jesus have found God. They "were men of like passion with us. Each had his problems, his doubts, his unexplained sufferings. Each had his periods of depression . . . each fought his doubts and gathered strength." As one reads of their victories he sees how he too can discover God.

Only a Christian possessed of scholarship, patience, and the capacity for long hours of study and research, and fired with evangelistic passion could have written this profound volume. While it deals with academic and theological material it is readable, practical, and gripping. The style is admirably simple and appealing. The author's thesis is based on the study of more than thirty lives, "common men yet great characters all of them," who lived in the past 3000 years, and others who are prominent personalities today. By the means of biographical data, and generous, well-selected excerpt from their writings he shows how these Greek, Hebrew, European, American, and other individuals came to a knowledge of God in their own lives. He tells how these prophets, philosophers, apostles, monks, mystics, scientists, reformers, and educators, coming out of different environments, hindered by prejudices and doubts gradually but assuredly climbed the steep ascent to satisfying fellowship with God.

This is a volume that even the cynic will respect. It deals with facts that cannot be ignored. It is inspiring because it challenges those who walk in doubt to continue their quest for light; it will come. It is evangelistic in that it urges man to make the great committal that will put his life in right relationship with God.

Selection No. 2

PERSONAL RELIGION. By Douglas C. Macintosh. Scribners. 415 pp. $3.00.

A most wholesome book on an urgent and crucial subject. The book begins with a most convincing analysis of New England piety from John Cotton, the eminent Boston preacher of the seventeenth century, to his descendants in the nineteenth century. The last character discussed is Cotton Mather Everett, the physician-farmer-theologian, who died in Canada in 1856.

As one allows the autobiographical confessions of this middle class English and New England family to make their impression he agrees with the author that "judged by its results in the promotion of righteousness and good will, traditional evangelical Christianity at its best was good religion." To them God was the all important reality. God as revealed in Christ opened unto them the vistas of eternity. It was because of this living Christian faith, and a vital religious experience that began with genuine repentance and continued in constant self-discipline, that they lived such rugged and fruitful lives.

A large part of the volume deals constructively with the problem of a revitalized, reasonable modern evangelicalism, the present crisis of missions, the Church and ecumenicism, and the imperative need of sane yet bold evangelism. The great concepts of sin, Christ, redemption, conversion, and the Christian life are restated in historical perspective and in the light of present needs. He summons the Church of America to refrain from placing its hope for a changed world in forms and movements, and calls it to the pursuit of a gospel that is individually experienced in repentance and faith, that is capable of a theology "in terms of universally valid thought and valid reference to facts accessible in experience today." This is a profound and powerful book.

Sherwood Eddy

has traveled throughout America and the world giving his time to religious work. At the present he is executive secretary for Asia Y.M.C.A. Where there has been need for Christian service Sherwood Eddy has gone to serve without price. Since 1911 a steady stream of books on social, international, and religious subjects have come from his pen. His present volume, MAN DISCOVERS GOD, is destined to be one of most read and talked of books in days to come. He has made an unique and lasting contribution in this well constructed, scholarly, and timely publication.

REVIEWS

Pocket Commentaries on the New Testament. By Charles R. Erdman. Westminster. Set of 17, boxed, $15.00. These commentaries are written by a scholarly conservative. They are devotional rather than critical, but the importance of correct exegesis is not ignored. While there is much in these pages with which the well trained minister is familiar, there is sufficient erudite material to make the work exceedingly profitable in sermon building. Sunday school teachers will find much enlightenment and insight into spiritual truths. The layman who desires to be more familiar with the New Testament cannot buy a more helpful publication. Tiresome explanations, quibbling over proof-texts, needless repetition, and such things that make many commentaries heavy reading are all divorced from these pages. This commentary is hard to beat for simplicity, practicality, and spirituality.

Redemption and Revelation. By H. Wheeler Robinson. Harpers. 320 pp. $3.00.

The able Baptist Principal, Regent Park College, Oxford, asserts that the facts of history and experience are comprehended only as they are interpreted in the light of divine purpose; a revealing purpose that is also redemptive. This act of redemption is "an objective achievement wrought by God through Christ." The thesis is developed under three heads: Part 1, "The Actuality of History." Man's freedom of the will conflicts with God's purpose in history. Both history and man must be redeemed by God. Part 2, "The Media of Revelation." In the Old Testament God is mediated to man through nature, physical states, and history; the latter being the most pronounced. Part 3, "Facts of Redemption," finds God's culminating act in history in the life and ministry of Jesus. The cross of Christ transforms wickedness. Through the cross the world will be redeemed. This is not light reading but it is exceptionally enlightening.

We Believe. By John J. Momen. Macmillan. 134 pp. $1.25.

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and life, the trinity, as a doctrine was born. The Holy Spirit is more than a dogma of belief, it is a possible present-day experience for Christians. The book is rich in scholarship and inspiring information.

The Man of the Hour. By Winifred Kirkland. Macmillan. 171 pp. $1.75.

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The Practice of the Christian Life. By Edwin Lewis. Westminster. 151 pp. $1.00.

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In a day of Teacher Training Schools this volume appears very elementary, but for the teacher who desires a simple discussion of methods, goals, and teaching technique in Christian education this text is commendable.

The Pastor's Helpmate. By Douglas S. McDaniel. Broadman. 144 pp. $1.00.

The widow of a Southern Baptist minister speaks out of her rich experiences and cultural refinement to ministers' wives about significant personal, family, and church responsibilities. Wise and timely counsel is judiciously given.

Christian World Action. By O. Frederick Nolde. Muhlenberg. 113 pp. 40c. Paper.

A commendable and thought-provoking study that intelligently considers the church's function and responsibility in establishing the new order which is to follow peace.

Our Hunches. By George S. Foster, M. D. Revell. 119 pp. $1.25.

Twelve miscellaneous talks on various unrelated subjects, i.e., eating habits, divorce, prohibition, etc. We are told that prohibition encouraged drinking, and "that very few, considering the law of averages, . . . have a desire to get a drink of intoxicants under ordinary circumstances." This must be the author's "Hunches" because he says nothing about them in the volume.

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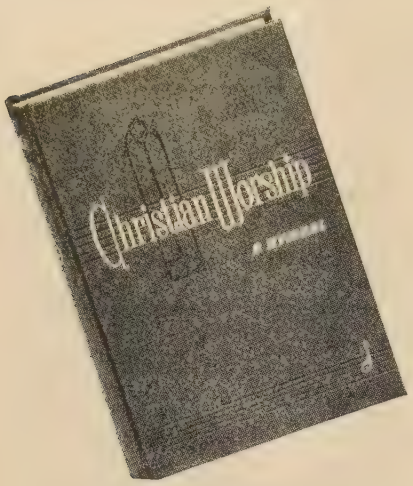

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News From The Nation's Capital

GEORGE B. FRASER, President | DECEMBER, 1942 | RUFUS W. WEAVER, Executive Secretary

CHANGES IN TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DISTRICT UP FOR DISCUSSION JAN. 10 at CALVARY

Within recent days the Secretary of Christian Education of our Convention has sent a letter to our pastors and other leaders in our churches asking them to attend a meeting which he has called pursuant to his instructions by the Convention to consider the matter of organizing on an associational-wide basis a training organization which would seek to promote more effective work in the Sunday evening training meetings of the children, young people, and adults in our churches.

Purpose

Because of the different approaches to this type of church work by our Northern and Southern Conventions, our own local Convention is recognizing more and more the need for an unique District of Columbia program for these Sunday evening society-type meetings. Any proposed associational organization must face realistically the differences which do exist in these approaches and must also recognize the scriptural prerogative of each local church to foster and promote the type of organization it chooses, whether it be Northern, Southern, in keeping with the suggestions inherent in a purely District program, or of some other type.

In view of the problems presented by this situation, the Secretary of Christian Education has been giving a good deal of time, thought, and conference with our leaders since his coming to Washington on July 1st in an attempt to find a solution which would be satisfactory to us in the District as well as to our Northern and Southern Convention leaders. He has been especially cognizant of the long history and significant contributions of the Columbia Federation of B. Y. P. U's. For this history and these contributions, he joins with our local leaders in deep gratitude. This organization has specialized in that part of the training program which deals specifically with our young people. This specialization must not be lost as we consider any new organization.

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Mission and Promotion Activity Is Explained By Dr. M. C. Stith; Calls On Churches For New Endeavor

By M. C. Stith

The action of the Convention at its annual session from November 16th to the 18th, definitely removed the contemplated expansion program from the realm of speculation to that of reality. During the past months we have published the departmental policies which have now been adopted, so this issue of your publication will be concerned mainly with developing the immediate goals and methods by which these results are to be attained.

The Executive Committee in its first session of the new year considered the appointment of such advisory committees for the departments as might be necessary to facilitate the program of work. An invitation was issued to the Chairman of the Executive Committee to assume directorship of the Departments of Mission and Promotion, giving as much time as possible to the supervision of these departments. The Chairman accepted the responsibility and stated to the Committee that there were two objectives before the Committee this year; one, to carry out the expressed will of the Convention in the promotion of the program adoptd and teh raising of a budget to implement the program; second, to assist the Executive Secretary in making his closing year of service with the District of Columbia Convention a crowning success. The enthusiastic spirit in which this challenge was accepted by the Committee indicates the serious willingness upon the part of each member to do his part to obtain the results desired by the Convention.

Elsewhere in this issue the information regarding the different departments of work will be fully stated. It is hoped to have a full report upon the staff and their activities in the February issue of our publication and to reach all of our churches with a sufficient coverage of news so that there may be an intelligent cooperation upon the part of all members of the Convention.

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January
Calendar of Activities

Jan. 4—Baptist Sunday School Association, Metropolitan Baptist Church, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 10—Special Conference called by Dept. of Christian Education, Calvary Baptist Church, 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 11—Convention Executive Board Meeting, Calvary Baptist Church, 8:00 p.m.

Jan. 11 & 25—B. S. U. Bible Discussion Groups, First Baptis Church, 8:00 p.m.

COMITY POLICIES

Following the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, when it received "the Southern Baptist General Convention of the State of California" into its membership the General Council of the Northern Baptist Convention appointed a committee to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with reference to policies and comity between the two bodies. This committee was appointed consisting of Charles W. Daniel, Austin Crouch, Walter P. Binns, and Louie D. Newton, which met with the committee from the Northern Baptist Convention consisting of Ernest J. Millington, Chairman, Carlton W. Atwater, and Charles W. Koller, in St. Louis, September 23, 1942. Later our committee received a communication from the committee of the Northern Convention citing the two following incidents, which in their judgment, "violate the terms, certainly the spirit, of the 1912 agreement." 1. "The recognition of a group of churches in Southern California by the Southern Baptist Convention—as a body—in cor-

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Promotional Activity

The Department of Promotion is charged with the adequate distribution of information to the Baptist membership of the churches in this Convention. It is hoped that such a coverage may be obtained through the us eof our present medium and the cooperation of the churches in distributing their copies as quickly as possible to their membership. A promotional chairman in each church would be needed to assure the proper distribution of each issue. It is our belief that an informed membership will be a cooperating membership.

Each issue will carry a program of all Convention activities for the subsequent two months and a full report of the departmental work, together with the condensed accounts of the meetings of the Executive Committee and the Executive Board. A detailed report of the financial status, including the pro-rated budget needs and the gifts of each of the churches, will be made each month.

This Department has, as an advisory committee, the members of the Executive Committee and the heads of the departments; and is under the directorship of the Chairman of the Executive Committee. The February issue of our publication will carry a full explanation of the program of this Department and its staff.

Department of Missions

In cooperation with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention, this Department will promote mission activity throughout the Convention.

The present activity of this Department may be expressed first, in terms of work already begun, which includes:

1. Avondale Mission, 4619 - 21st Street, N. E., under the supervision of Paul Bell, field worker.

2. Minnesota Avenue Mission under the supervision of Charles H. Rickman.

3. The assistance of all churches receiving aid from mission funds.

4. Established Sunday Schools in unchurched areas.

5. The government worker field under the supervision of Miss Evelyn Mills. At present this work consists mainly of securing information from home churches concerning their membership here and the survey and analysis of girls' dormitories and hotels.

The activity of this Department may be expressed second in terms of work contemplated in the immediate future:

1. The establishment of a mission center in the Massachusetts Avenue area.

2. The opening of a number of Sunday Schools in unchurched areas sponsored by churches whose membership lives in these areas. Where a home can be secured for this purpose, the Department of Missions will endeavor to supply literature and needed equipmnt.

3. The establishment of worship or prayer meeting groups in unchurched areas where the need warrants and invitations are extended.

4. The strengthening of churches needing and inviting the assistance of this Department where the population is too great for the inadequate facilities of the church. This will include the cooperation with churches now receiving mission funds to enable them to become more rapidly self-supporting and to be able to meet the need and demand of this emergency.

5. The completion of a clearing house through this office, receiving constant information from home churches on the actual residence addresses of their membership here, and the forwarding of that information as quickly as possible to adjacent churches.

6. Conferences and cooperation with pastors of churches adjacent to territory apparently needing some type of assistance with a view to working out plans mutually beneficial to all churches in these areas. Where any such problem arises and comes to the attention of a pastor or interested party, this Department would appreciate notification of the problem and an opportunity to confer concerning it.

7. The sponsoring of the spirit of evangelism and enlistment throughout the churches and missions of the Convention would be a very definite responsibility of the Department of Missions in cooperation with the Pastors' Conference and the other departments of work.

The government worker problem is fast being recognized in the Nation's Capital as one commensurate in importance with that of the Armed Service. Many organizations have been set up to take care of the latter, but very few for the former. The Department of Missions, through a branch of work set up for helping this particular group, hopes to be able to have definite points of contact established in all nearby housing centers where a helpful ministry can be performed. In some instances, churches that are near these areas will be able to cooperate in the extension of their facilities for this purpose throughout the week. If this happens to be a field in which you can serve, or in which you are interested by reason of your proximity to living quarters of a large number of these workers, your Department of Missions would appreciate notification to that effect.

The advisory council of this Department has not yet been fully developed, although the Chairman of the Executive Committee has accepted the supervision of this Department of work.

District of Columbia Baptist Convention
Issued by the Department of Promotion

NEWS BULLETIN

January 1943

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Financial

The budget adopted by the Convention at its annual session was designed to fully implement our present program and totals $101,500.00. Beginning with our February issue, the monthly quotas will be contrasted with the monthly gifts of the churches so that we may know each month just how far we may expect to proceed in our work.

For a full expansion, $8,458.44 will be needed. For the simple maintenance of our work without expansion, $6,435.00 will be needed. We believe that the cooperation of the churches of the Convention will be just as adequate as the information distributed to them, and the effectiveness of our program in covering or in meeting the need. The raising of this budget is not an end in itself, but the means by which the results sought by the churches of this Convention may be obtained. The District Mission special offerings in the spring and fall of our fiscal year should be evidence enough of the response of our churches to a very present challenge. The Department of Promotion does not expect to go into any church to attempt to raise its budget quota, but will gladly assist in any way upon the request of any church in adjusting or strengthening its program to make its quota possible. We believe that with the information going to all of our membership, the work itself will be sufficient challenge to cooperation.

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Ordination

"Lutter, Ralph C.—At the First Baptist Church, Champlin, Minnesota, on December 4, 1942. Sermon by Dr. R. L. Moyer. Other parts by Rev. Messrs. Nelson Crowe, C. J. Cording, O. A. Look. Mr. Lutter is pastor of the ordaining church.".

Changes In Training Program

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The initiative of our local leaders is further challenged by the complications which have come in recent months in the disbanding of the B. Y. P. U. of America and the organizing of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. This fellowship, originally intended to be composed of those young people between the ages of 15 and 25, has now seen the definite need of increasing this age range to include those whose ages begin at 12. They are also seeking to provide a place for the young adult group, those from 25 up to 35 or 38. Because of the necessity of our people understanding the program of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, it was our good fortune to be able to have their Executive Secretary, Dr. Oliver Cummings, of Philadelphia, and a member of their official staff, Miss Elsie Kappen, of New York, present in Washington on a Sunday afternoon in October when they presented the plans and purposes of the organization to a large audience of our leaders representing twenty-one of our churches.

In addition, we have attempted to familiarize our people with the Southern Convention's Baptist Training Union program through a week's city-wide study course held in September, which reached more than 350 of our people.

Out of all this background and study, our Secretary of Christian Education feels that it is now the proper time to call in a larger group for the definite purpose of following out the instructions of our Convention in considering a proposed associational training organization. A good suggestion for the name of this association has come to the Secretary in the form of "The Baptist Training Fellowship," which it will be readily recognized is a happy combination of the names of the training organizations of our two great National Conventions.

Place

This conference is called to meet on Sunday afternoon, January 10th, at three o'clock in the Calvary Baptist Church. Sunday is selected because of the increasing difficulty in the ability of our local church leaders to attend conferences of this type on a week night, and Calvary Baptist Church is selected as being our most easily accessible church. We are indeed indebted to the fine cooperation of Calvary Baptist Church and her pastor in enabling us to hold our meetings in such a splendidly located central place.

Persons

The presence of the individuals holding the following offices in our local churches is most urgently desired at this conference: Pastor, Associate Pastor, Director of Young People's work, B.T.U. Director, Presidents and other officers of the Intermediate, the Young People, and Adult groups, the Counselors and leaders of the Junior Unions and other children's groups. It is thus hoped that each church will have not less than six representatives at this meeting and several of the churches should have as high as a dozen or more present.

Prayer

The extreme significance of this meeting demands our most prayerful consideration before we discuss any proposed organization. It is with this in mind that our Secretary of Christian Education urges each of you who plans to attend, and all others who are interested in this work, to join him in praying that the Lord will unfold to us the plan which He desires us to follow and which will bring honor to Him and to His churches, rather than glorifying any human satisfactions which might tempt us to lose sight of the fine opportunity to be of service to Him in extending His Kingdom.

New Appointments

Rev. Henry C. Rogers, Nashville, Tennessee, head of the Training Union and B. S. U. department of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for the past seven years, recently resigned to accept the position with the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board as leader of the Intermediate Department, succeeding Miss Elaine Coleman, who recently resigned because of her marriage. Brother Rogers has done a monumental piece of work as state secretary of the B.T.U. His sphere of usefulness will now be greatly enlarged.

Rev. Charles Norton, pastor of the Tabernacle Church of Chattanooga, has accepted the position of secretary of the Training Union department of the Tennessee State Board succeeding Henry Rogers. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman college and has had seminary training. For five years he served very effectively as associational missionary in the Ocoee Association, Tennessee. He begins his new work January 1.

—*Walter M. Gilmore.*

Brief Notes From The Department of Christian Education

The National Council of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, composed of seventy representatives of the churches of the Northern Baptist Convention, met during the last week of December at Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Our D. C. Convention was represented on this Council by Miss Frances L. Birge, a member of Bethany Baptist Church who has been active in Sunday School, missionary, and training work, and who at the present time is an officer in the Columbia Federation of B.Y.P.U.s.

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Mr. Howard D. Rees of the staff of our Christian Education Department attended a meeting in Nashville in late December composed of the Baptist Student Union State Secretaries from the states of the Southern Baptist Convention. Similarly, Gaye L. McGlothlen, our Secretary of Christian Education, attended a meeting of the State Sunday School and Training Union Secretaries in Nashville the last week in December. He also attended the nearest area conference on Christian Education promoted by the Northern Convention, which was held early in December in Reading, Pennsylvania.

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Participation in an experimental program of child evangelism by several of the young people from our churches is under consideration. The plans are promoted and developed by Miss Pearl Rosser of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.

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The plan of individual class and individual department registration with the Baptist Sunday School Board has now been placed on an annual basis. This means that if your class or department does not register each year, your organization will not continue to stay on the mailing list for the receipt of promotional literature and helpful plans as they are sent out by the Sunday School Board. Should you desire to secure forms for such registration, they may be secured at Headquarters or at the monthly meetings of the Baptist Sunday School Association.

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The Secretary of Christian Education wants to thank several of the churches and pastors who send him their church bulletins and other printed matter about the activities of their churches. Several fine ideas in connection with Christian Education have thus been received and will be shared through this bulletin with our churches from time to time. He would appreciate each of the churches sending to him such items of literature.

The week of April 5th to the 9th, 1943, has been chosen as the time for our spring city-wide leadership training effort. Our churches are asked to reserve these dates and to begin now planning for representatives from their Sunday Schools to be present for this study. The books to be offered will be selected from the First Series Course of the Standard Leadership Curriculum of the Northern Baptist Convention. There will probably be five courses offered, and we are happy to have the assurance of Mr. Richard Hoiland, Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the American Baptist Publication Society, that his department will furnish us with two efficient teachers from Philadelphia to be with us for this seminar. The names of the books and the faculty will be announced in next month's bulletin.

Following the recommendation of the evangelistic committee of the D. C. Baptist Convention, several of our churches are planning their pre-Easter evangelistic efforts for next spring along the lines of youth-centered campaigns. The suggested plan is that the second week preceding Easter, April 11th to the 17th, be designated as "Youth Week," and that the plans as promoted by our Northern and Southern Conventions for such a week be attempted as each church desires. These plans usually involve the selection of youth deacons, Sunday School teachers, and other church officers, who through their leadership of the church that week become more familiar with the inner-workings and the purposes of a Baptist church.

The plan also is for the week immediately preceding Easter, April 18th to and including Easter Sunday, the 25th, to be given over to evangelistic meetings with the preaching to be provided by the pastor, or by someone whom he and the church invite in for that service. This week would follow somewhat the plan followed in some of the states known as the "Youth Revival." It is suggested that the committees in connection with this evangelistic effort such as music, ushers, visitation, publicity, special nights, etc., be composed of young people from the churches. Further developments and plans will be announced as they emerge.

When this is being written, the January meeting of this group at the Metropolitan Baptist Church has not yet been held. The speaker for that meeting is Miss Pearl Rosser, head of the Children's Division composed of Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, and Junior Departments in our American Baptist Publication Society. She also is to conduct a combined conference of these workers during the conference period at that meeting.

The February meeting will be held on February 1st. It is hoped that adequate publicity will be given in each Sunday School, in order that there might be a fine attendance. The time, place, and program are to be announced later.

The new constitution of this organization provides for the grouping of our churches by areas with an Area Director or Leader heading up the work in each group. These officers will be very important to the effectiveness of the work of the Association, and we are sure each Sunday School will be happy to cooperate with them in their work.

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Comity Policies

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porate union with the Southern Baptist Convention. 2. "The activities of the Illinois Baptist State Association in active co-operation with certain agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention."

A special committee which was appointed at this session to consider the statement, consisting of Walter P. Binns, J. M. Dawson, Merrill D. Moore, Chas. W. Daniel, R. C. Campbell, and J. Howard Williams, asked for continuance to make their report at the pre-Convention session in Memphis next May.

Shine On, O Star of Bethlehem

BY EDWARD O. CLARK

The mists of hate hang low on earth;
Thick clouds of strife abound,
And thoughts of men are dark with death:
Man's midnight hour has come.

But through the night of evil strife
A light streams from afar;
Yon eastern sky is glowing bright
With radiance from a Star.

For in this hour of cursed woes,
When day seems dark as night,
The Star of Bethlehem still glows
With its eternal light.

Shine on, O Star of Bethlehem!
Shine on, O wondrous orb!
Ne'er let thy holy radiance wane
From our benighted globe.

Shine on with truth! Shine on with love!
Shine on with hope and faith!
No power of strife can 'ere becloud
Thy Light from all the earth.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST RADIO PROGRAM

SUNDAY MORNINGS, JANUARY THROUGH MARCH, 1943

"AMERICAN CHRISTIANS AMID WORLD CRISES"

January—Theme: *"Christianity's World Responsibility"*

3—"Christ's Answer to World Need" ..... Dr. George W. Truett
10—"The Sovereign God of the Nations" ..... Dr. R. C. Campbell
17—"The Only Foundation of Enduring Freedom" ..... Dr. E. D. Head
24—"The Victory of Faith" ..... Dr. O. T. Binkley
31—"Christian Youth in this Chaotic World" ..... Dr. Francis P. Gaines

February—Theme: *"Christian Resources in the Crises"*

7—"The Holy Spirit" ..... Dr. J. Clyde Turner
14—"The Inspired Word" ..... Dr. Turner
21—"The Throne of Grace" ..... Dr. Turner
28—"The Christian Patriot in this Chaotic World" ..... Hon. Pat M. Neff

March—Theme: *"America's Spiritual Awakening"*

7—"Gaining God as Ally" ..... Dr. R. G. Lee
14—"From Death to Life through Christ" ..... Dr. Lee
21—"Paying the Price to Follow Christ" ..... Dr. Lee
28—"Making America the Arsenal of Spiritual Democracy" ... Dr. Ellis A. Fuller

"Miss Washington"

Margaret Evelyn Mills

Many questions are asked concerning the youth of Washington these days and how to meet their needs. After working with several groups for fifteen months and after making a survey of boarding houses, amusement halls, parks, social agencies, and after having personal interviews with government officials and officials of city and private concerns, the writer wishes to make the following observations:

In a city of over 1,000,000 people there are usually many problems which the average citizen is unaware of. Washington, is not an exception. In a little over two an one-half years the city has grown to a World Capital of over a million people thereby bringing sharply to light the existing problems and an increasing number of new ones.

Of this new increase in population, a large portion are your daughters, now Uncle Sam's nieces. The average age of these girls is seventeen through twenty-five. They are the citizens who face and are greatly affected by the problems of housing, mental, physical, social, and working maladjustments, and war-time romances and marriages.

They, like the youth around the world, have been shaken by the crumbling of our old order of things and are seeking something stable on which to build their future. They desire happiness and peace above everything else, but like the youth of the last war most of them are caught in the whirling turmoil of our war-time capital.

To illustrate: After a trying day over office files with a usual headache, or heart-ache from the night before, the average "Miss Washington," as any normal girl, seeks entertainment and fellowship. If she has a date, she has no place to entertain as she did at home. The land-lady has four or five girls sleeping in that room. She and her friend are forced to find amusement over a soda at a crowded drugstore, in one of the few movies, dance hall, or on a park bench (in the summer). As a result these young women have not found stability and are seeking and questioning in their effort to attain the best in life.

The churches, government agencies, U. S. O.'s and many other organizations and individuals are to be commended on the fine work which they have been doing, but the fact remains that only a small number of these girls have been reached with the gift which enables an individual to face life victoriously.

The churches of Washington as never before have this opportunity. Many look with wonder at the large groups of young people in both morning and evening services. In talking to a large number of this group one finds many who have problems concerning God, but it is an encouraging factor to note the sincerity of purpose in their questioning. It is encouraging too, to note the desire to be a thorough Christian, or none at all. These young women ask for a concrete expression of Christ and will be satisfied with nothing less.

In the light of this last statement the following personal experience is told. It is only one of the many cases. One year ago today a young girl who can be called the typical "Miss Washington" arrived in Union Station. She felt the usual pangs of loneliness that a nineteen year-old girl will feel when confronted by a large city on her first trip from home. She had had serious problems of family adjustments to make in early life. As a result she felt that she had never known what it was to be happy. She wanted to find that happiness in Washington. Her visions of lovely offices and handsome men assured her that she would. What a shock to find the men scarce and the office work wearing. She knew of only place where one could find good people so she went to one of our down-town Baptist churches. There she met many young people of her age and found a church home. She met a Church staff whose motto is "Personal Contact Gets Results." A church whose officers and members put the motto in action.

After several weeks of unhappiness over her room, she spoke to a member of the younger set who invited her to be her room-mate. They lived in a basement for two months. There "Miss Washington" confessed that she had never practiced evening devotions. She did not enter into this relationship with her room-mate.

Eventually the two girls got an apartment. On a bright Sabbath morning, "Miss Washington" requested the privilege of praying the first "Grace" they were to have. She only spoke three stumbling words. Several weeks later she stood before a group of 150 young people and led her first devotional. The young folks were amazed at the change in her. She started to night school at George Washington University because she had discovered that if one expects something from life one must have something to offer too.

Tonight, "Miss Washington" is on her way back home. In January she will enter one of our leading Western Universities and now instead of continually talking of her troubles, "Miss Washington" is talking of the purpose which God has for every life. She says her desire is to do His Will. Her accomplishments have been many but most of all she is giving to her friends a concrete example of what God can do with a fully dedicated life.

There are many other young ladies who want this same happiness. It is for the church to realize its mission and to hear Christ's voice as He says "Lift up your eyes unto the fields, for they are white unto harvest." "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

CHEVY CHASE OBSERVES 19TH ANNIVERSARY

The Chevy Chase Church observed its 19th anniversary in a fitting manner on Sunday, December 6th, when it raised in cash and its equivalent over twenty-three hundred dollars for its new building fund. A large model birthday cake with 19 candles on it had been prepared by John B. Clark, the son of the pastor. Each candle represented a contribution of $100 in cash or government bonds. Under the happy leadership of Brother George B. Fraser, chairman of the building finance committee, when the Service was over all nineteen candles had been lighted and there was additional funds to light almost five additional candles. With contributions which have come in subsequently the total has reached the sum of $2,716.00. The church was organized on December 6, 1923 under the leadership of Dr. Henry W. O. Millington, Executive Secretary of the Columbia Association of Baptist Churches, in the home of Mrs. W. D. Henry on Kirke Street in Chevy Chase. Mrs. Henry was called upon as a charter member to light one of the candles. Other leaders of organizations including the Pastor, Rev. Edward O. Clark, were called upon to light candles. Mr. Loyd H. Sutton, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke briefly outlining the history of the church. The gifts received together with a substantial fund for the new building previously in hand will be used to erect a stately colonial edifice as soon as conditions permit. In the New Year Mr. Clark plans a series of messages on the general theme, "Know Your Bible." Some of the great chapters of the Bible will be the basis of messages in order to acquaint people better with the great treasury of the sacred Scriptures.

TRAINING SCHOOLS TO BE HELD

The city-wide training efforts as promoted by the Department of Christian Education are not sufficient in themselves for the effective training of workers in the local churches. They are valuable and vital, but they cannot displace the need for each local church to provide in its calendar of activities for local church training schools.

Schools in the following churches have been held within recent weeks: Fifth, Luther Rice Memorial, Wisconsin Avenue, Petworth, Takoma Park and Bethesda. In the latter two instances, the church cooperated in a community interdenominational school.

At the present time a splendid class is meeting weekly during the Sunday school hour at the First Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend H. W. Stenger, associate pastor. Mr. Stenger has developed an unique approach for this particular work, and we shall give a report on the type of class and the results of it when the work has been completed. The Chevy Chase Church is having a weekly class under the leadership of its pastor, Reverend E .O. Clark, the class meeting each Sunday night preceding the regular young people's meetings. Metropolitan Baptist Church and East Washington Heights Baptist Church have scheduled study courses for a week during January. The Second Baptist Church is pllanning its annual graded study course in combination with evangelistic meetings during February. That this is a very effective means of training and study, as well as evangelism and enlistment, is the testimony of the pastor, Reverend J. Ray Garrett. The Calvary Baptist Church has set aside the week of March 8th to the 12th, 1943, for a special training effort. This school will include several courses, and while it is being held for the Calvary teaching staff, their pastor, Dr. C. W. Cranford, is planning to invite workers from all churches to attend.

It is possible that others of our churches have held such schools, or are planning to hold them within the immediate future. If the Department of Christian Education can be of any service at all in helping any local church plan, set up, administer or conduct such a school, it will be a pleasure to be of such service.

Board Adopts Budget of $733,207.67

A 1943 budget of $733,207.67, based on anticipated receipts, was adopted by the Home Mission Board at its annual meeting in Atlanta December 2 and 3. Included is a total of $442,207.67 for the board's operations in 18 Southern states, the District of Columbia, Cuba and Panama. For the new city mission work, the board apropriated $43,500 and selected Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, of Atlanta, as field secretary in charge of the work, to be carried on in 10 Southern cities. The agency also set up a reserve and contingent fund of $78,000. Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-teasurer, told the board that the anticipated receipts, practically guaranteed, would top any figure since 1924. Already, he said, $688,642.74 has been collected and $63,000 is anticipated for the two months unreported. Officers of the board elected for the new year are Colonel B. L. Bugg, president, Dr. K. O. White, vice-president, elected for the fifth year, G. Frank Garrison, recording secretary, elected for the twelfth year, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, elected for the fourteenth year.

Field secretaries, all re-elected, are J. W. Beagle, Jacob Gartenhaus, Noble Y. Beall, Alfred Carpenter. Joe W. Burton is secretary of education. Presentation by Dr. J. D. Grey, member of the Board from Louisiana, of a life-sized picture of the face of Russell Holman, the first corresponding secretary to set Home Missions forward with an aggressive program, was a feature of the board luncheon held the first day.

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Testimony of a Business Man

About a year ago, I began to tithe voluntarily and wholeheartedly without any insistence or pressure from anyone.

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The years of 1938, 1939 and 1940 were good ones in this territory for me, but my business was behind in both volume and net profits as compared with 1935, 1936 and 1937.

I am convinced in my mind that the increase is a fulfillment of the promise made in Malachi 3:10.

Far greater than the material side has been the peace of mind and freedom from worry that has come into my life, which cannot be counted in dollars and cents. One just does not worry about the future of his business when God is taken as a partner.

This is my personal experience and it is needless to say I am happy over it and can recommend it to everyone.

I believe it will work for you the same as it has for me and everyone else who has honestly tried it.

—*Church Chimes.*

SWORD DRILL AND BETTER SPEAKERS CONTEST

It is the desire of the Department of Christian Education of our Convention this year to cooperate with the Training Union Department of our Southern Convention in promoting their annual Sword Drill and Better Speakers' Contests. Through the years these contests have been of deep value in training our intermediates in "handling aright the word of God," and our young people in speaking more fluently and effectively before public gatherings. Washington was represented last year in the finals of the Sword Drill Contest held at Ridgecrest during July, 1942. The contest then was promoted here through the Intermediate Federation of the city, and the leaders of this group have assured our Secretary of Christian Education of their desire to cooperate with this Department in seeing that each of our Intermediate Unions of each of our churches participates in our local elimination contests.

The Better Speakers' Contest will be a new enterprise for Washington this year, and it is hoped that all Young People's Unions of our churches will want to cooperate in selecting the contestant who will represent our District Baptist Convention in the contest finals.

The age range for the Sword Drill Contest is 13 through 16 and that of the Better Speakers' Contest is 17 through 24.

Material containing instructions and suggestions for the promoting of these contests in the local church has already been sent by the Secretary of Christian Education to one leader in each of our churches. This will not be a sufficient supply for the churches, and they are asked to contact the office of the Secretary and request the additional amount needed for their use. Committees are being appointed to draw up the plans and schedules of the elimination contests in order that we might select Washington's representatives not later than June of 1943. The Southwide finals in both contests will be held during the Baptist Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in July, 1943. As the reward to the two winners from Washington a contribution on their expenses for a week's stay at Ridgecrest is to be given by our Convention.

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An Announcement and An Appeal To Southern Baptists

1. The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention respectfully and gratefully announces that the old debt of approximately $6,500,000 happily has been reduced to about $1,200,000 (Jan. 1, 1943). Thanks to our agencies, churches, and people.

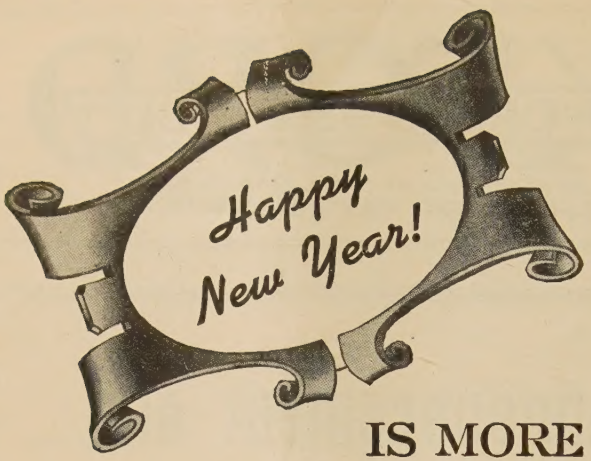
2. We express the profound conviction that a united, determined effort should be made at once to pay the rest of this debt to stop interest, strengthen the Co-operative Program and get ready for a mid-war and a post-war world program.

3. We note that with 100,000 memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club ($1.00 a month), or the equivalent thereof, we can be entirely debt-free in '43. We, therefore, recommend that each church try to secure at least one Club membership or the equivalent thereof for each twenty-five church members.

4. We urge all churches and organizations to observe February 14 or the nearest convenient Sunday as Debtless Denomination Day and upon that day to present in every service the cause of a Debtless Denomination in 1943 and take subscriptions or Club memberships and a cash offering for this purpose.

Slogan: **DEBT-FREE in '43—COUNT ON ME**

Charles W. Daniel, President
Walter M. Gilmore, Secretary



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